

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**EIGHTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE**

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**House Document**

**No. 143**

S. P. 133                      House of Representatives, Feb. 11, 1927.

Ordered, That there be printed 500 copies of S. P. No. 133, being bill "An Act to Amend Section 68 of Chapter 45 of the Revised Statutes Relating to Use of Purse or Drag Seines in Certain Waters."

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Senator Drake of Sagadahoc.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVEN

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AN ACT to Amend Section Sixty-eight of Chapter Forty-five of the Revised Statutes Relating to the Use of Purse or Drag Seines in Certain Waters.

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section sixty-eight of chapter forty-five of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out all of said section 3 and by substituting therefor the following section:

'Sect. 68. No person shall use any purse or drag seines 2 in any of the waters of the state north of a line drawn east- 3 erly from Prince's Point, in the town of Yarmouth, to Tem- 4 ple's Ledge southwest of Cape Small Point, in the town of

5 Phippsburg; and from said Temple's Ledge to Mile Ledge  
6 south of Seguin Island, in said town of Phippsburg; and  
7 from said Mile Ledge to the southerly point of Damiscove  
8 Island in the town of Boothbay Harbor; and from the south-  
9 erly point of Damiscove Island to Pemaquid Point, in the  
10 town of Bristol; in Medomak river, above a line drawn  
11 from Martin's point in the town of Friendship, westerly by  
12 the northeast end of Hog island to a point opposite in the  
13 town of Bremen, or take smelts in said river and its tribu-  
14 taries in any other way than by hook and line; in Georges  
15 river, above a line drawn from Hooper's point in the town  
16 of St. George, westerly past the northerly end of Caldwell's  
17 island to a point opposite on the shore in the town of Cush-  
18 ing, or take smelts in said river and its tributaries in any  
19 other way than by hook and line, or dip-nets, and no indi-  
20 vidual shall take more than one-half bushel of smelts within  
21 a period of twenty-four hours with dip-net; in all bays,  
22 inlets, rivers and harbors east of the west shore of the  
23 Penobscot bay and river where any entrance to the same  
24 or any part thereof from mainland to mainland is not more  
25 than three nautical miles in width, but purse and drag seines  
26 may be used for the purpose of taking smelts in these wa-  
27 ters, except in Bluehill bay. The taking of herring, or fish-  
28 ing therefor, by the use of purse or drag seines and all  
29 other seines or nets, except the use of seines or nets in  
30 weirs, from the first day of June to the first day of No-  
31 vember in the waters of Machias bay and its approaches

32 inside of or to the northward of a direct line drawn straight  
33 from the highest summit of the island called The Brothers,  
34 easterly to a point one-half mile distant and due south from  
35 Libby island lighthouse, thence from said point easterly to  
36 the southerly extremity of the southern island called Double  
37 Head Shots, is hereby prohibited. The use of purse or drag  
38 seines within a distance of one-half of a nautical mile from  
39 any fish weir in any of the waters of the state east of  
40 White Head on the west shore of Penobscot river is here-  
41 by prohibited; but such seines may be used for the taking  
42 of smelts and for the purpose of taking fish in weirs, but  
43 shall not be used in any water in which their use is pro-  
44 hibited by special or general law. Whoever violates any  
45 provision of this section shall be liable to a penalty not  
46 exceeding five hundred dollars for each offense, to be re-  
47 covered by complaint, indictment or action of debt.'